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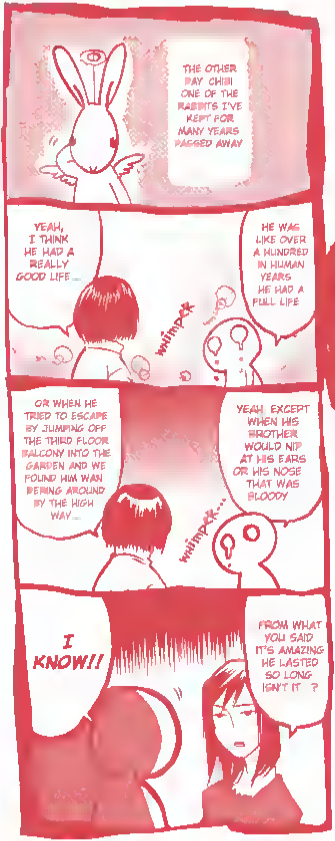
Now even less work-related!
Towel
Newsprint Elizabethan Collar
Ways to Prevent Hair Licking
MY VIDEO GAME ISSUES
AND OF COURSE I BOUGHT GAMES FOR IT TOO! I GOT THE LAST FIRE EMBLEM ONLINE
AAAUGH!
THE OTHER DAY I GOT THE NEXT GENE RATION CONSOLE THAT I'VE BEEN WISHING FOR
The nunchaku are supposed to spin idiot
wave
wave
wave
OOH I PREORDERED GAMES FOR MY PSP!
thump
thump
HAVE YOU PLAYED WII NIGHTS YET?? I KNOW YOU WANTED IT BUT DID YOU BUY IT?
Wahaaaah
SHINO-SAN, DO YOU WANT A DS LITE? I'LL GIVE YOU ONE?!
OOH, HERE'S THE DS GAME YOU BOUGHT THE OTHER DAY! SIGNATURE STAMP PLEASE?
pressure
pressure
pressure
pressure
Zzzz
The final blows
JUST CHILL OUT!!
BY THE WAY, THAT PSP GAME YOU PREORDERED IS IN?!
turn
turn
turn
turn

RIGHT NOW I THINK THE ZELDA SERIES AND DS CADUCEUS (TRAUMA CENTER) ARE MASTERPIECES. (MY HANDS ARE TIRED...)

MY PET ISSUES


THE OTHER DAY CHIBI ONE OF THE RABBITS I'VE KEPT FOR MANY YEARS PASSED AWAY
YEAH, I THINK HE HAD A REALLY GOOD LIFE...
wimpers
HE WAS LIKE OVER A HUNDRED IN HUMAN YEARS HE HAD A FULL LIFE
OR WHEN HE TRIED TO ESCAPE BY JUMPING OFF THE THIRD FLOOR BALCONY INTO THE GARDEN AND WE FOUND HIM WANDERING AROUND BY THE HIGH WAY...
YEAH, EXCEPT WHEN HIS BROTHER WOULD NIP AT HIS EARS OR HIS NOSE THAT WAS BLOODY
wimpers...
I KNOW!!
FROM WHAT YOU SAID IT'S AMAZING HE LASTED SO LONG ISN'T IT ?

THE OTHER RABBIT IS THE SAME WAY RISING AGAIN LIKE THE PHOENIX
PLEASE LIVE A LONG TIME

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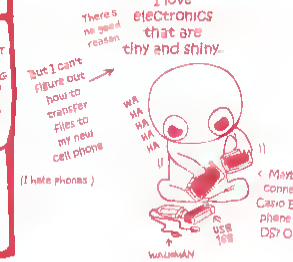
There's no good reason
I love electronics that are tiny and shiny
But I can't figure out how to transfer files to my new cell phone
(I hate phones)
WA HA HA HA HA
USB
WALKMAN
< Maybe I can connect my Casio EX L M phone to my DS? Or not.

See you next time!

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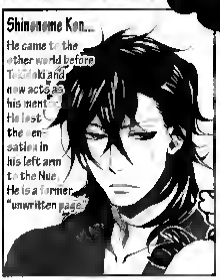
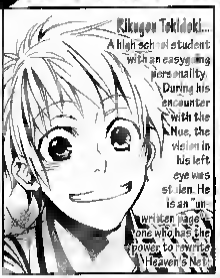


Shinoneme Kon...

He came to the other world before Tokidoki and now acts as his mentor. He lost the encyclopedia in his left arm to the Nue. He is a former "unwritten page."

Kuchiha...

A swords woman who saved Toki from the Nue, she carries the Dog God within herself. On the invitation of the Onmyou Bureau, she has left the group.



Rikugou Tokidoki...

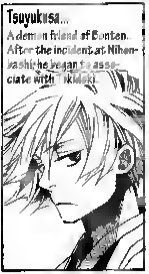
A high school student with an easygoing personality. During his encounter with the Nue, the vision in his left eye was stolen. He is an "unwritten page," one who has the power to rewrite Heaven's Net.

Tsurunume...

A miko who attends to Ginshu. She went searching for a cure to Ginshu's curse...

Ginshu...

One of the Four Holy Ones and the high priestess of Sakagami Shrine. She suffers from a demon's curse.



Tsuyukusa...

A demon friend of Benten. After the incident at Nihonbashi he began to associate with Tokidoki.

Benten...

A demon with great power and the ability to read fate. He is one of the Four Holy Ones!

RECAP

While visiting a high-tech virtual reality exhibit on the Edo/Bakumatsu period, Tokidoki was attacked by two supernatural creatures called the "the Nue" and "the Yakou", and found himself trapped in virtual Edo. Although the naturally adaptable Tokidoki began to feel at home in his new world, he was told by Benten that he was in fact an unique existence called the "unwritten page," however Tokidoki was also invited to Sakagami Shrine, the headquarters of the anti-ayakashi exorcists, where he was asked by the Holy Princess Ginshu to use his power as the "unwritten page" to support their cause. Tokidoki is faced with a choice between Ginshu, who aims to "destroy Amatsuki," and Benten, who wishes to "protect Amatsuki." However Tokidoki refuses to make either choice, and instead decides to fulfill Ginshu's wish to break Ginshu's curse. Tokidoki and his friends leave the shrine and set out for town, where they follow a clue to a demon-related incident and end up solving a mystery. Meanwhile, Ginshu summons Teiten with the intent to destroy Heaven's Net, however Teiten simply erases her existence. Not knowing this, Tokidoki returns to the shrine to reunite with his friends... but he is met by a Kon who acts as though they've never met at all.....

Chapter 37
A Hidden Tangle of Hanaikada

<T/N: The "Hanaikada" bush ("Helwingia japonica") doesn't have an English common name that I'm aware of, but the Japanese name for the shrub translates to "flower raft." It looks like the flowers and berries grow from the center of the leaf, so the leaves resemble little boats.>

WHO
ARE YOU?

GAH!!
PUNCH

QUIT FOOLING AROUND!!
Huh?

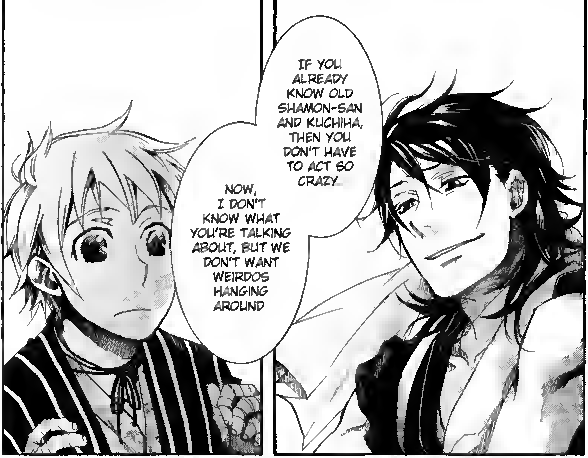
Tch...
Hey! What the...
What are you doing!?
GRAB

IS GINSHU-SAN OKAY?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT THE SHRINE?

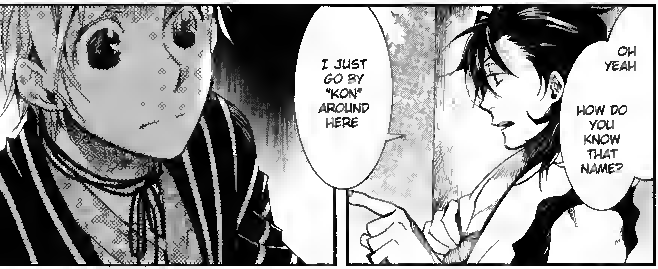
REALLY!? THANK GOODNESS! THE WAY BONTEN WAS TALKING, I WAS WORRIED...!
Ah!
HUH? YOU MEAN THE PRINCESS?
SHE'S OKAY AS FAR AS I KNOW...

WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
Let me go!
UH, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IF YOU WANT TO REQUEST AN EXORCISM, MAYBE I CAN PASS A MESSAGE ALONG FOR YOU?
!?

IF I WANTED THAT, I'D JUST ASK SHAMON-SAN!
SO ANY-WAY...
OH!
SO YOU KNOW THE OLD MAN!
HUH... I SEE...
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME THEN? DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE OR SOMETHING?
.....
Hey...
Shinonome, is this some kind of joke?
OKAY, GIVE IT A REST!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE!! IS KUCHIHA IN ON YOUR WEIRD GAME TOO...!?
EEEEEEE
gasp
OH, SO YOU KNOW KUCHIHA TOO?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SO WORKED UP ABOUT.
AND YOU'RE ACTING WAAAY TOO OVER-FAMILIAR. IT'S CREEPY.


IF YOU ALREADY KNOW OLD SHAMON-SAN AND KUCHIHA, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT SO CRAZY.
NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT WE DON'T WANT WEIRDOS HANGING AROUND

SHINO-NOME?
SO WATCH YOURSELF KID


I JUST GO BY "KON" AROUND HERE
OH YEAH
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?

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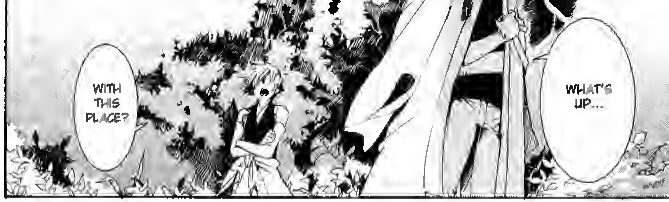
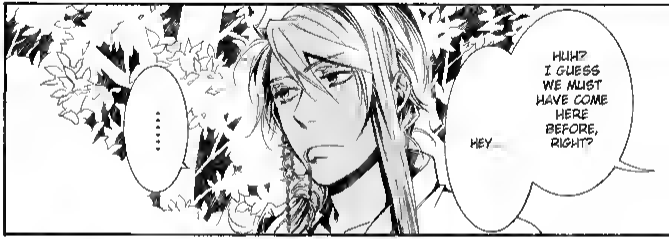
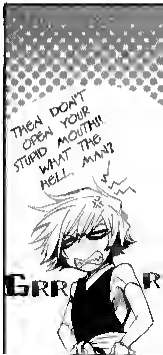
……
turn
turn
……
……
HEY.
SHOCK
YOU RE-MEM-BER, RIGHT?


WITH THIS PLACE?
WHAT'S UP...


.....
HUH? I GUESS WE MUST HAVE COME HERE BEFORE, RIGHT?
HEY...

NOTHING
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

.....
IT MUST BE CLOSE...
WHAT'S IT LIKE, RETURNING TO YOUR TRUE BODY AFTER SO LONG?


THEN DON'T OPEN YOUR STUPID MOUTH!! WHAT THE HELL, MAN?
GRR

EVEN IF YOU HAD BEEN IN YOUR CURRENT FORM...
THAT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE WEAKNESS OF YOUR SPIRIT
TREE SPIRITS ARE NATURALLY GIFTED AT SHIFTING FORMS...
THEY'RE ALWAYS DECAYING FROM WITHIN...
STOP IT!
FORBIDDEN MEMORIES...
DEFILED BY HUMAN BLOOD...
WE'RE GETTING NEAR THAT PLACE, AREN'T WE?

WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER

THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO.

THAT PLACE WAS CURSED...

BY HUMANS.

A YOUNG TREE, STAINED WITH BLOOD...
FALLEN SCALES ALL THAT REMAINED OF ITS GUARDIAN...

TCH...
I KNOW THAT!
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR-EVER
AYAKASHI CAN'T LIVE FOR LONG IF THE BODY AND SOUL ARE SEPARATED
I GUESS SO
DON'T EXPECT PRAISE FROM ME
YOU ACT LIKE YOU KNOW IT ALL...
I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING OF THE SORT

(Hmph)
GRR...
THAT JERK...
DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!

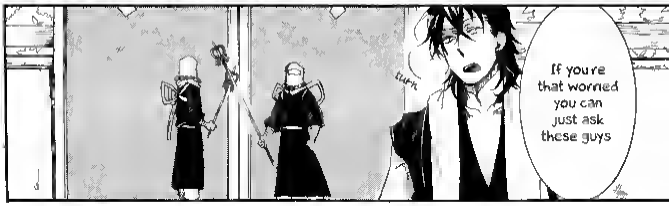
HOW DID IT GO?
BACK SO SOON?

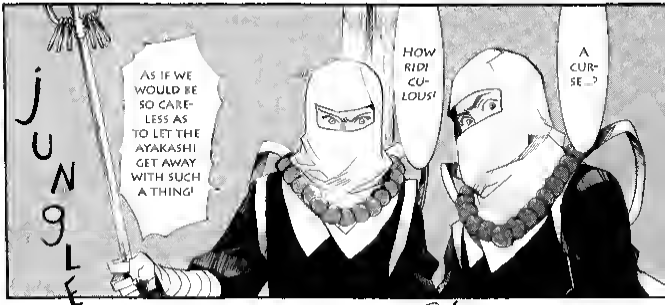
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Grab

WH
WHAT
?
CALM DOWN
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!?

SHINONOME— HE'S MY FRIEND—!!
AND HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO I AM!
WHAT ABOUT THE PRIN-CESS?
NOTHING HAPPENED TO HER.
THERE'S NO CURSE!
IT'S LIKE—
THEY'VE FOR-GOTTEN EVERY-THING!!?





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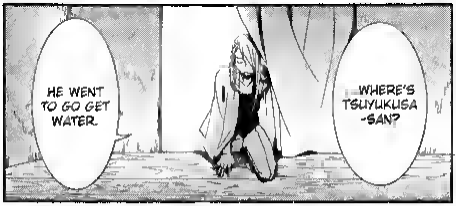
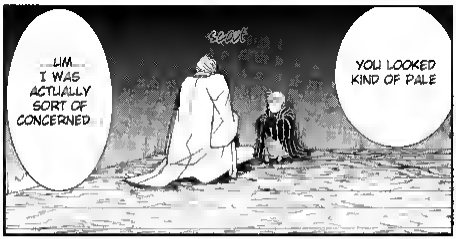
Are you happy now?
If you want to meet her face-to-face you're gonna have to put in a request
Anyway I can tell you that you ain't gonna get to see her right away
But expect for it to take about a month
If you know old man Shamon-san then I can ask him to pass the word on to you
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED OVER THERE, DO YOU...?
SHINO-NOME

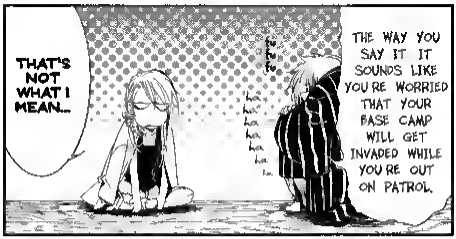
EMBER
?
Where's that?
H
Hey!
HIS RIGHT ARM...
IT CAN MOVE...
Oi, are you okay?

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING CRAZY...
YOU WERE LEFT-HANDED.
THUMP
A SHINONOME WHO CAN MOVE HIS RIGHT ARM...
THUMP
...Sorry, but no.
THUMP
twitch
.....
Sorry.
SHINONOME...
WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM.
I think you've got the wrong guy.
THUMP
WHO DOES NOT KNOW ME.
THUMP
I FEEL LIKE THE GROUND JUST DROPPED OUT FROM UNDER ME.
Hey, I think you oughta go home for today.
Alright?

...FEELING ANY BETTER?
!
shock


...WHERE'S TSUYUKUSA -SAN?
HE WENT TO GO GET WATER.


...UM... I WAS ACTUALLY SORT OF CONCERNED
scoot
YOU LOOKED KIND OF PALE


THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
ta-da-
ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-
THE WAY YOU SAY IT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE WORRIED THAT YOUR BASE CAMP WILL GET INVADED WHILE YOU'RE OUT ON PATROL.

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO WORRY?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
HE SEEMS TO BE RATHER ATTACHED TO YOU...
YEAH. THE THING WITH THE FOX AND A TREE SPIRIT... IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A CASE LIKE THAT.
LIKE HE OWES YOU A DEBT
HE OWES ME?
I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE FOX
I GUESS I KNEW HOW THEY FELT
OH.
...SO...
TSUYUKUSA-SAN AND BYAKUROKU-S.IN WERE LIKE IMAYOU AND...?

ACTUALLY, THEIR SITUATION WAS THE OPPOSITE
TSUYUKUSA WAS A VERY YOUNG TREE, AND BYAKUROKU WAS A VERY OLD DEMON.
BYAKU-ROKU ACTED AS TSUYU-KUSA'S PROTEC-TOR.
HE BROUGHT HIM WATER
HE BROUGHT HIM FOOD
SO HE'D GROW TO BECOME A GREAT TREE...
blink
SILENCE
WAH!

As those leaves decompose, they'll make good bedding for you.
Rustle
HAAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BYAKUROKU?
HUH?
They'll be warm
And nutritious and good to sleep beneath
One day a little bird will sit on your branches
So grow big and strong.

One day, I fear that little one will come to hate me...
...?
So stay by my side.
BYA-KURO-KU?
BYA-KURO-KU...
One day...
I fear that little one will kill me...
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BACK THEN..?

THE SAME THING HAPPENED BEFORE...
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN?
YOU SAID "THE SAME THING HAPPENED BEFORE."
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
AND
IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU'RE BUILDING SOMETHING...

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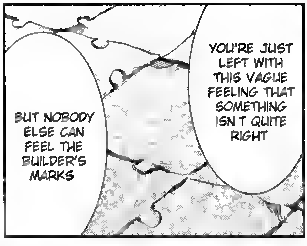
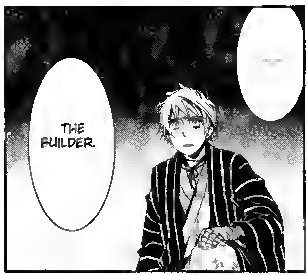
YOU CAN ASK YOURSELF WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG...
BUT YOU FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S BROKEN AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO FIX IT.
YOU CAN TRY TO PATCH THINGS. BUT IT WON'T LAST FOREVER
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU'D THINK IN THAT SITUATION?
YOU REMOVE THE BROKEN PIECES...
AND FIX IT UP ON THE OUTSIDE
AND YOU TAKE WHAT YOU LOST AND TRY AGAIN.

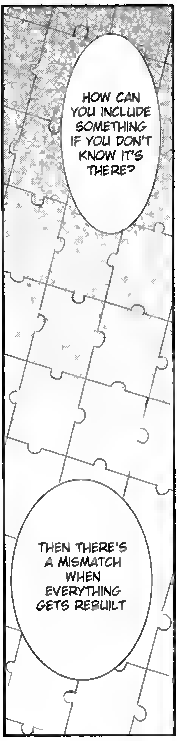
IT MIGHT LOOK A LITTLE OFF,
BUT THAT'S BETTER THAN HAVING THE WHOLE THING FALL APART.
A FEW LEFTOVER TOOL MARKS FROM THE BUILDER WON'T RUIN THE WORK.
BROKEN PIECES ?

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REMEMBER.
BUT YOU STILL REMEMBER?


BUT NOBODY ELSE CAN FEEL THE BUILDER'S MARKS
YOU'RE JUST LEFT WITH THIS VAGUE FEELING THAT SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT


THE BUILDER.

DON'T YOU GET IT?


HOW CAN YOU INCLUDE SOMETHING IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT'S THERE?
THEN THERE'S A MISMATCH WHEN EVERYTHING GETS REBUILT

YOU'RE THE "UNWRITTEN PAGE."
THE BUILDER DOESN'T KNOW YOU EXIST.

THE PRINCESS YOU KNOW HAS PROBABLY BEEN DESTROYED
YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY APPROXIMATIONS
Okay.
Takidoki?

YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
EVERY TIME YOU SAY GOODBYE TO SOMEONE, IT MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME
AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART IS GOING TO STAY THERE
SO
TEITEN HAS "RESET" THE AMATSUKI.
YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE A REGRET

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